



# MISSOURI COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMISSION 2012 – 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

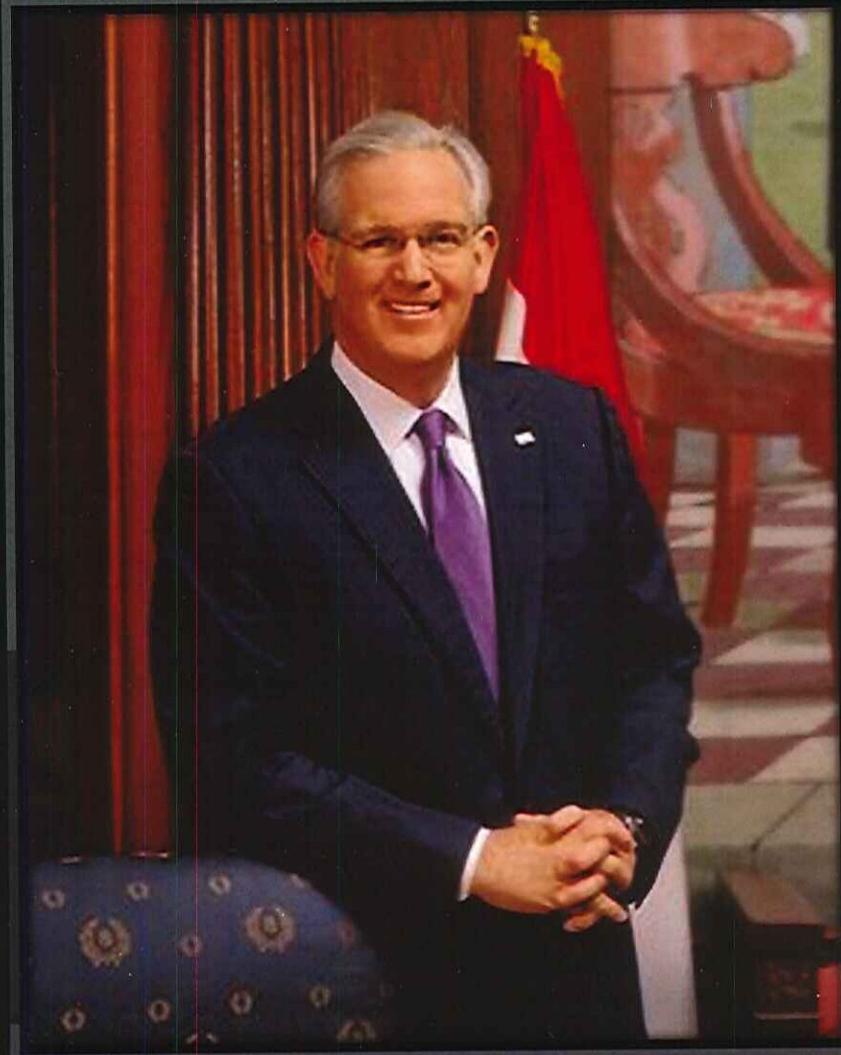


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# Letter from the Governor



  
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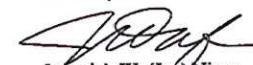
Dear Friends:

The roots of volunteerism extend deep into the rocks, bluffs and valleys of Missouri. As you review this annual report of the Missouri Community Service Commission, you will see exactly what I mean. Missourians are some of the most giving people on the planet. The report demonstrates that AmeriCorps is working in Missouri to build our communities. AmeriCorps members throughout the state serve as tutors in schools, assist at food banks, provide disaster relief, protect our streams and contribute other services in order to get things done for Missouri.

AmeriCorps Missouri is a means by which the Missouri Community Service Commission connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. AmeriCorps Members give one to two years of their lives to address the most pressing needs in their communities. They reach out to their fellow citizens and recruit others to join them in their fight against illiteracy, poverty, crime, homelessness and other social problems. Members help change lifestyles and build healthy futures. These members see a society that has hope and they want to be a part of strengthening their own communities.

I invite you to review this annual report and learn how the Missouri Community Service Commission is helping people change the lives of those around them for the better.

Sincerely,

  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

[www.governor.mo.gov](http://www.governor.mo.gov)

# Letter from the MCSC

Dear Friends,

Since 1994 the Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) has been instrumental in building a sense of community throughout the State of Missouri by promoting volunteerism and citizenship. The Missouri Community Service Commission connects Missourians of all ages and backgrounds in an effort to improve unmet community needs through direct and tangible service. The MCSC serves as the administrator for AmeriCorps State funding in Missouri by awarding monetary grants and providing technical assistance and support to its sub-grantees.

The MCSC receives funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service located in Washington, DC. These funds enable local communities the opportunity to implement AmeriCorps programs in their geographical areas by recruiting AmeriCorps Members. AmeriCorps Members serve by providing direct services that address the most pressing local civic needs in their communities and neighborhoods in areas of Disaster Services, Economic Opportunity, Education, Environmental Stewardship, Healthy Futures and Veterans and Military Families.

In 2012-2013, seventeen organizations provided services to Missourians in the aforementioned areas. The Commission oversees a diversified portfolio of AmeriCorps programs and is proud to present this report to you that demonstrates their positive impact in our great state. As you review this report, you will note tremendous financial leverage and sustainability as a result of AmeriCorps in Missouri.

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at (573) 751-7488 or toll-free at (877) 210-7611.

Sincerely,

*Linda Thompson*

Linda Thompson  
Executive Director



*Janis VanMeter*

Janis VanMeter  
Chair





# Mission

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# Vision

To Strengthen Missouri Communities  
Through Volunteerism and Service



# Overview

- ▶ The Missouri Community Service Commission was created as a result of the National and Community Service Act drafted by a bipartisan coalition of Members of Congress in June of 1993. The bill was later signed into law on September 21, 1993. The legislation created the Corporation for National and Community Service to administer AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the existing national service programs of VISTA and Senior Corps.
- ▶ The Missouri Community Service Commission was created by the Missouri Legislature in 1994.
- ▶ The Missouri Community Service Commission is housed within the Missouri Department of Economic Development.
- ▶ The Missouri Community Service Commission, by Statute, is composed of 15-25 commissioners appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

# Organizational Chart



# Commissioners

Janis K. VanMeter, Chair

Nina North Murphy, Vice Chair

Molly Turner, Ex Officio – CNCS

Russell Unger, Program Committee Chair

Forrest Miller, Public Relations Committee Chair

Cheryl Hibbeler, Service & Development Committee Chair

John Albright, Legislative Education Committee Chair

Chris Nicastro, DESE Director (Cindy Heislen, Proxy)

Lt. Governor Peter Kinder (Jay Eastlick, Proxy)

Randall McArthur

Nicole Roach

Daniel Kappel

# The AmeriCorps Pledge



*I will get things done for America - to make our people safer, smarter and healthier.*

*I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.*

*Faced with apathy, I will take action.*

*Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.*

*Faced with adversity, I will persevere.*

*I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.*

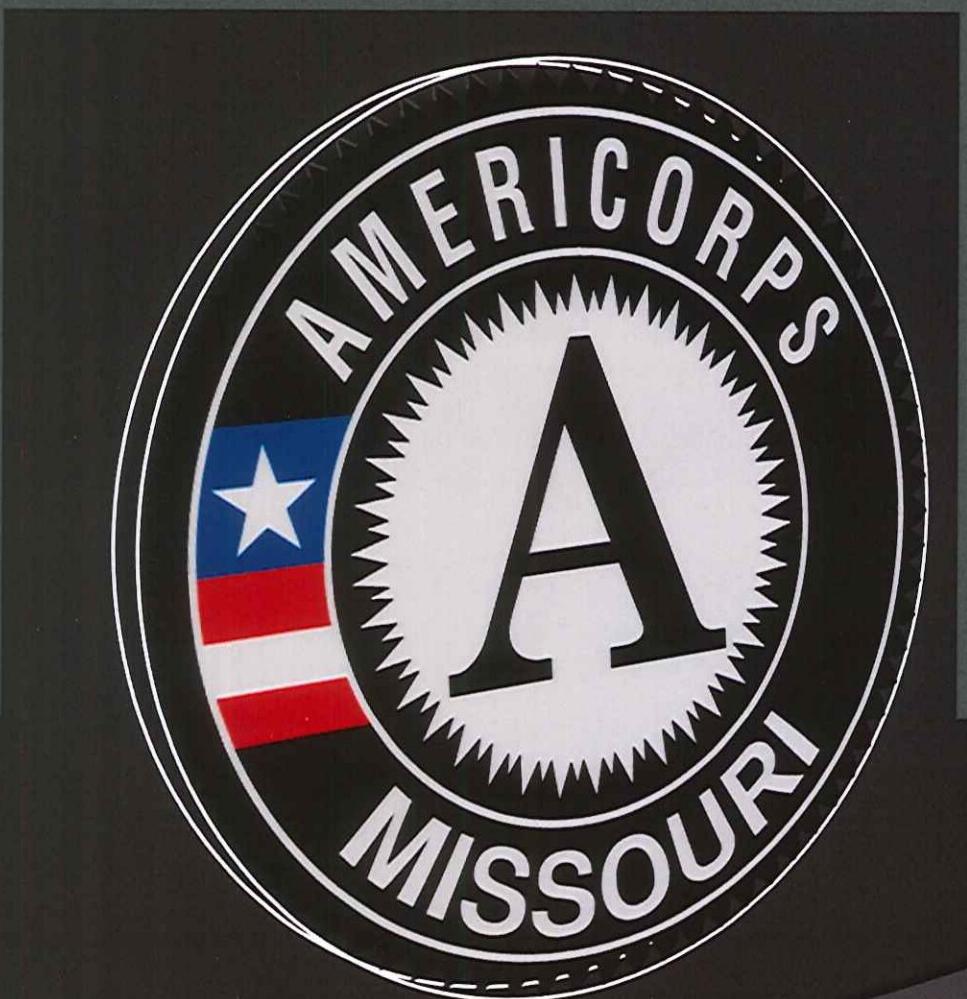
*I am an AmeriCorps Member and I will get things done.*

# AmeriCorps Values

The Mission of AmeriCorps  
can be articulated in four parts:

- ④ **Getting Things Done** - through direct and demonstrable service that helps solve community problems.
- ④ **Strengthening Communities** - by bringing together Americans of all ages and backgrounds in the common effort to improve our communities.
- ④ **Encouraging Responsibility** - by enabling Members to explore and exercise their responsibilities toward their communities, their families, and themselves.
- ④ **Expanding Opportunity** - by enhancing Members' educational opportunities, job experience, and life skills.

# 2012-2013 Portfolio of Programs



**1** JumpStart Missouri-Kansas City  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
4825 Troost Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64110  
816.235.1003  
[www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org)

**2** Child Abuse Prevention Association  
503 E. 23rd Street  
Independence, MO 64055  
816.252.8338  
[www.childabuseprevention.org](http://www.childabuseprevention.org)

**3** Harvesters – The Community Food Network  
AmeriCorps Community Services Outreach  
3801 Topping Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64129  
816.929.3000  
[www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org)

**4** Purdy R-II School District  
Purdy Reading Coaches  
201 S. Gabby Gibbons Drive  
Purdy, MO 65734  
417.442.3217; ext 5  
[www.purdy.k12.mo.us](http://www.purdy.k12.mo.us)

**5** Seneca R-7 School District  
Seneca R-7 AmeriCorps Program  
914 Frisco Street  
Seneca, MO 64865  
417.776.7961  
[www.seneca.k12.mo.us](http://www.seneca.k12.mo.us)

**6** American Red Cross  
Prevent, Prepare, Respond  
1545 N. West Bypass  
Springfield, MO 65803  
866.206.0256; ext 141  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**7** Waynesville R-VI School District  
AmeriCorps Waynesville  
200 Fleetwood Drive  
Waynesville, MO 65583  
573.433.2030  
<http://waynesville.k12.mo.us>

**9** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri  
Central Missouri Mentoring Project  
800 N. Providence Road  
Columbia, MO 65203  
573.874.3677  
[www.bigscentralmo.org](http://www.bigscentralmo.org)

## 2012-2013 AmeriCorps Missouri Programs



**13** AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Safety Service Corps &  
Joplin Recovery Project  
1315 Ann Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
314.772.9002  
[www.americorps-stl.org](http://www.americorps-stl.org)

**17** International Institute of Metropolitan  
St. Louis  
International Institute of St. Louis Client  
Services  
3654 S. Grand Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63118  
314.773.9090; ext. 129  
[www.iisl.org](http://www.iisl.org)

**16** College Bound  
College Bound AmeriCorps  
110 Jefferson Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314.361.4441; ext 103  
[www.collegebound-stl.org](http://www.collegebound-stl.org)

**15** Primaria  
Community Leaders Assisting the  
Insured of Missouri (CLAIM)  
200 N. Keene Street  
Columbia, MO 65201  
800.390.3330; ext 214  
[www.missouricclaim.org](http://www.missouricclaim.org)

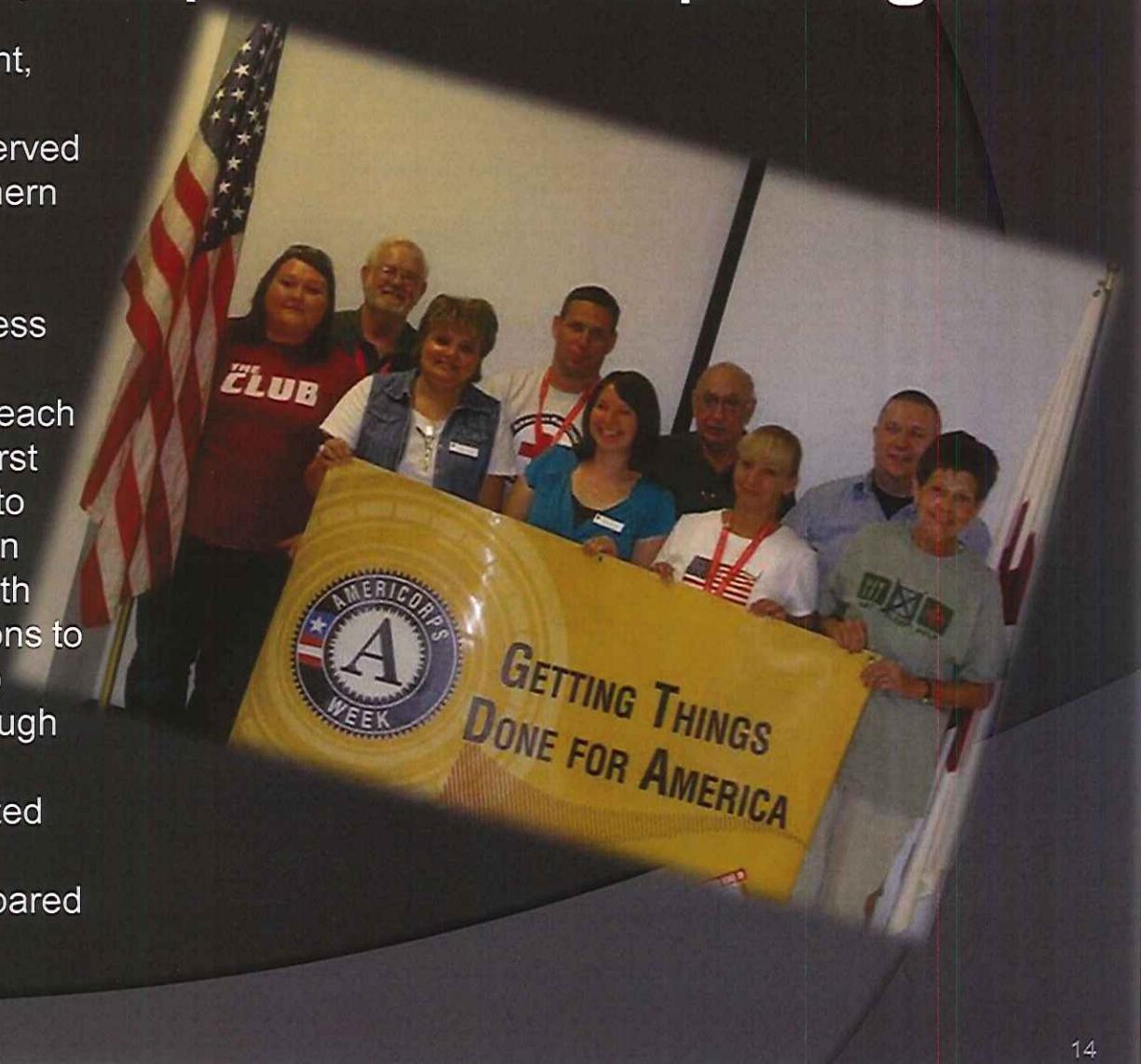
**14** JumpStart Missouri-Columbia  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
201 Student Success Center  
Columbia, MO 65211  
573.882.8942  
[www.jstart.org](http://www.jstart.org)

**13** United Way of Southeast  
Missouri  
Read to Succeed  
430A Broadway  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
573.334.9634

**12** Bootheel Youth Museum, Inc.  
Southeast Missouri Project Learning  
Experience (SMILE)  
700A N. Douglas  
Malden, MO 63863  
573.276.3600  
[www.bootheelyouthmuseum.org](http://www.bootheelyouthmuseum.org)

# American Red Cross – Greater Ozarks Chapter/ Prevent, Prepare, Respond AmeriCorps Program

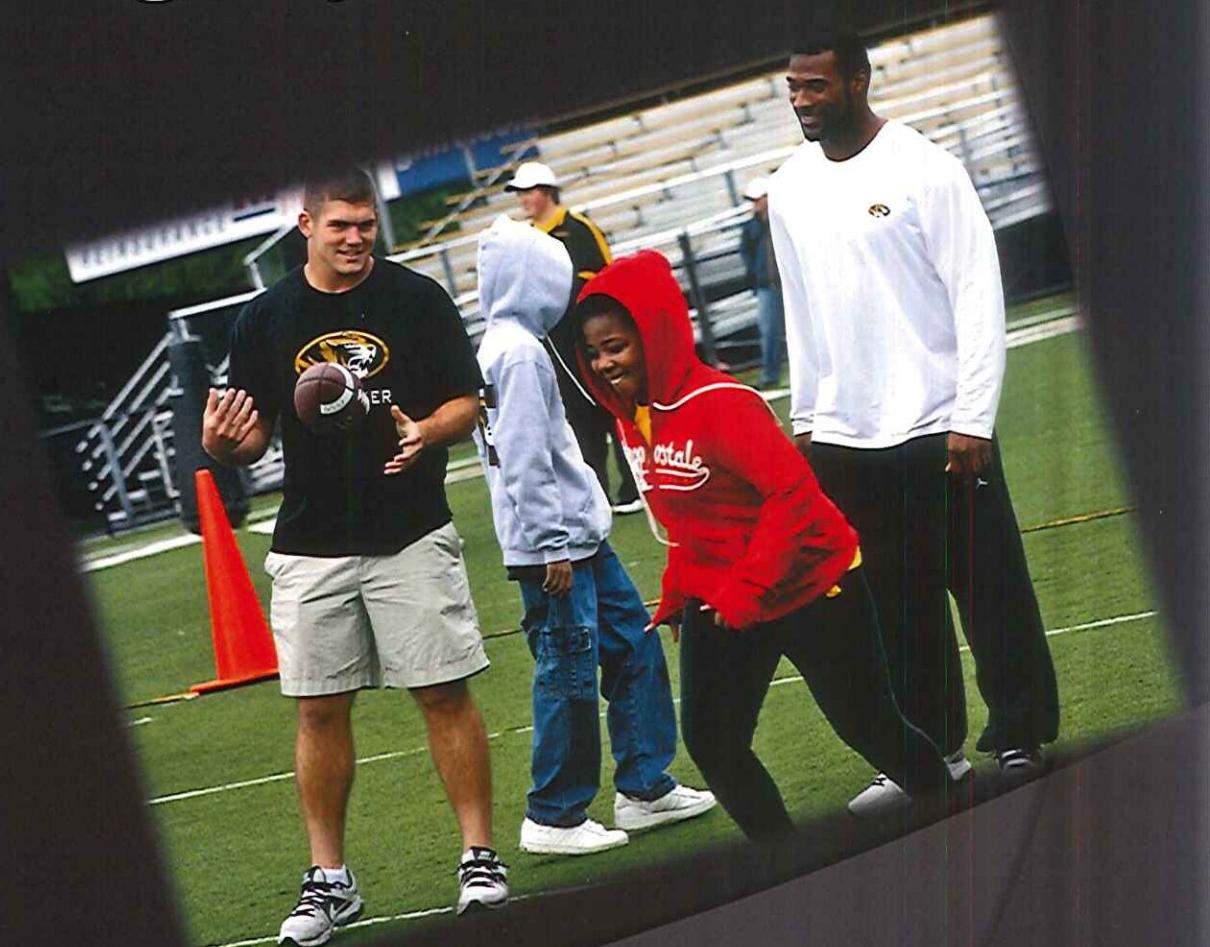
The American Red Cross “Prevent, Prepare, Respond” AmeriCorps program meets needs of underserved people in the rural areas of southern Missouri. Members serve within specific counties to: recruit new disaster relief volunteers to address the needs of those displaced by natural or man-made disasters; teach life-saving skills such as CPR, First Aid, and Disaster Preparedness to their communities; and strengthen relationships and partnerships with other disaster-related organizations to improve the services delivered to those affected by disasters. Through this program, communities in southern Missouri will be revitalized with a spirit of service to their neighbors, and will be better prepared when disaster strikes.



# Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri Mentoring Project

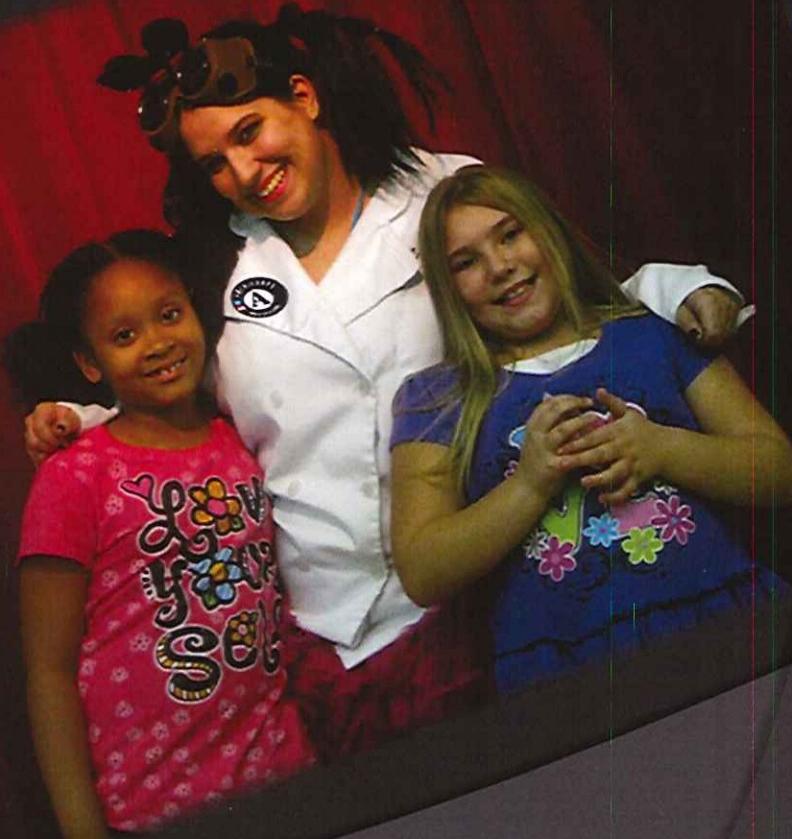
The Central Missouri Mentoring Partnership Project trains AmeriCorps Members to work side-by-side with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri mentors and staff, serving more at-risk children who have educational needs.

AmeriCorps Members recruit mentors in Columbia who serve children in elementary and middle schools. Members recruit and coordinate volunteers, paying special attention to training the Big Brothers/Sisters who assist their Little's in areas of academic performance. The Big/Little matches may be in either the Community-based or School-based programs.



# Bootheel Youth Museum SMPLE

The goal of the Bootheel Youth Museum (BYM) Southeast Missouri Project Learning Experiences (SMPLE) AmeriCorps program is to provide hands-on activities that strengthen the educational foundation of children. BYM SMPLE AmeriCorps Members provide educational enrichment activities throughout Southeast Missouri in area schools, with community organizations and for museum guests. SMPLE is a collaborative partnership between the Bootheel Youth Museum and Lincoln University Cooperative Extension.



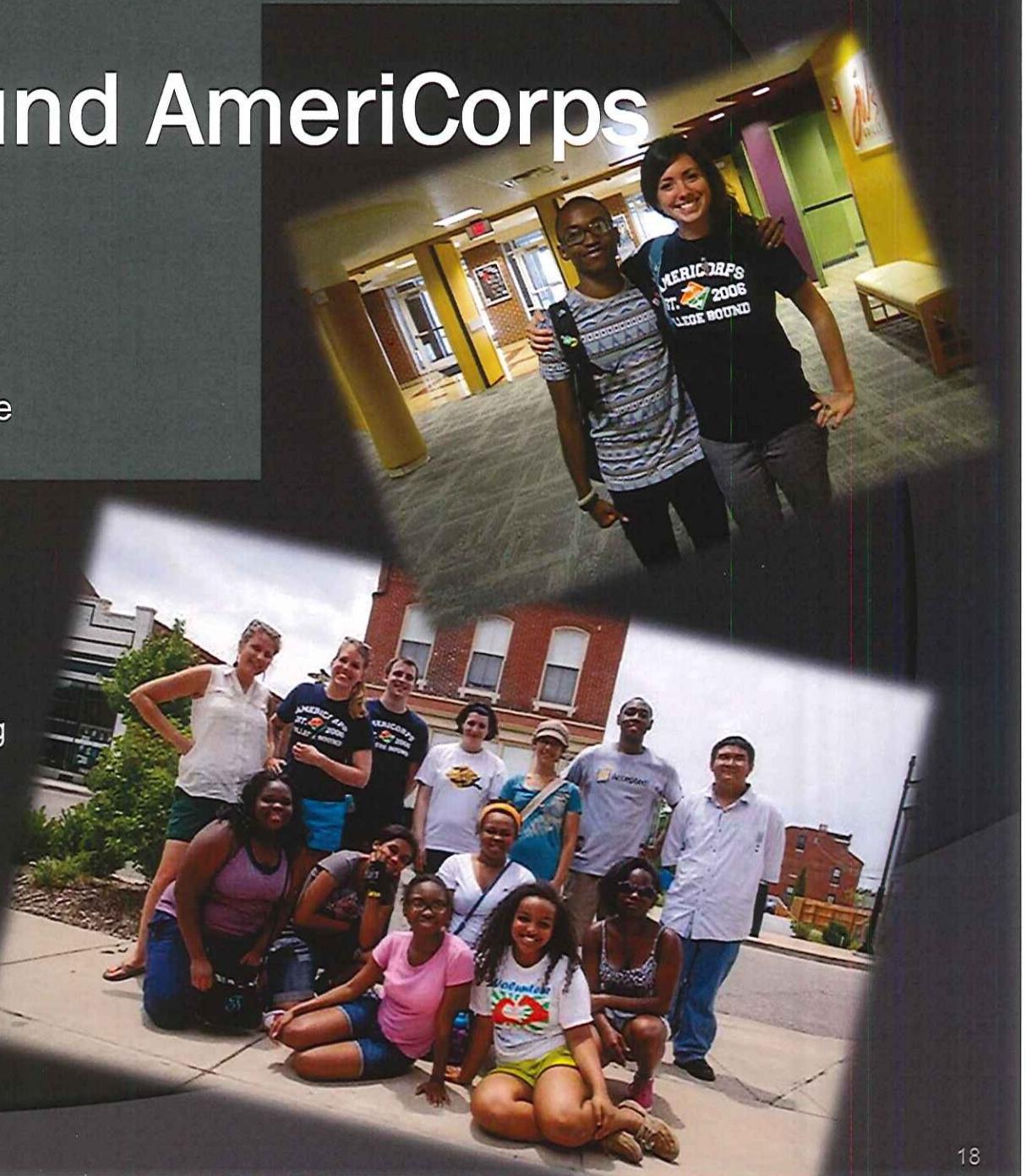
# Butler County Community Resource Council/ AmeriCorps Poplar Bluff's Promise

Members serve to improve academic achievement among at-risk youth in Butler County. Members conduct after-school learning activities, tutor students, increase program enrollment and recruit volunteers to serve. Members serve in two school districts, four Head Start programs, the local Volunteer Center and the Boys and Girls Club after-school programs.



# College Bound AmeriCorps

College Bound's mission is to provide promising high school students from under-resourced backgrounds with the academic enrichment, social supports and life skills needed to apply, matriculate and succeed in four-year colleges. AmeriCorps Members serve as College Coaches, Persistence Coaches or as a Program Coordinator. College Coaches mentor high school students through the processes of preparing for and applying to college; Persistence Coaches support college students as they pursue their bachelor's degree; and the Program Coordinator implements enrichment programming such as service learning, cultural enrichment, and leadership programs for College Bound students.



# Child Abuse Prevention Association's (CAPA) AmeriCorps Program

The mission of the AmeriCorps program at Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) is to prevent all forms of child abuse by creating changes in individuals, families and society in order to strengthen relationships and promote healing. CAPA Members provide free therapeutic counseling services to children and families who have experienced abuse or related traumas. Members also provide weekly in-home health education and case management for high risk families with infant and toddler children. They provide educational activities addressing prevention across the Kansas City metro area. These activities include safety skills and other workshops for children and parents.



# Missouri College Advising Corps (MCAC)

The Missouri College Advising Corps (MCAC) helps Missouri students gain access to college. MCAC, headquartered at the University of Missouri (MU), is a full-time non-profit college access advising program. They help students understand that they can complete a college degree, find their “best fit” post-secondary institution, and navigate the process of applying for admission.

MCAC advisers are AmeriCorps Members who are trained, at both the state and national levels. These Members provide resources to students to assist them in planning continuing education. They facilitate college entrance workshops such as FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), financial literacy and college admissions. They take students on campus tours enabling the students an opportunity to experience college life and “see” themselves as belonging and succeeding there.



# Eldon R-1 School District/Partners Actively Volunteering in Education (PAVE) AmeriCorps

PAVE AmeriCorps Members provide one-on-one and small group tutoring to at-risk students in the Eldon R-I School District. Tutoring in communication arts, reading and math occurs at four campuses and includes 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as students enrolled in the Mustang Academy. Members mobilize and support community and parent volunteers to enhance community involvement in the school and expand services provided to at-risk students.



# United Way of Southeast Missouri/ United Way of SEMO Read to Succeed

The United Way of SEMO Read to Succeed program utilizes AmeriCorps Members to tutor children who are at-risk of academic failure in five elementary schools in Cape Girardeau. They provide one-on-one tutoring and recruit and train volunteers to sustain the program.



# Harvesters - The Community Food Network/ AmeriCorps Community Outreach

Harvester's mission is to feed hungry people today and work to end hunger tomorrow. A network of 600+ agencies make it possible to provide food to children, families, and seniors throughout a 26-county region.

AmeriCorps members serve in key areas, including: volunteer services, food drives, outreach, and nutrition education. By engaging the community, Members increase awareness about hunger issues, secure perishable and non-perishable food items, and ensure volunteer support in acquiring and distributing donations quickly to those in need. Members also provide children and adults, who receive food assistance, with nutrition classes, resources and cooking ideas to enable them to make healthy lifestyle choices.

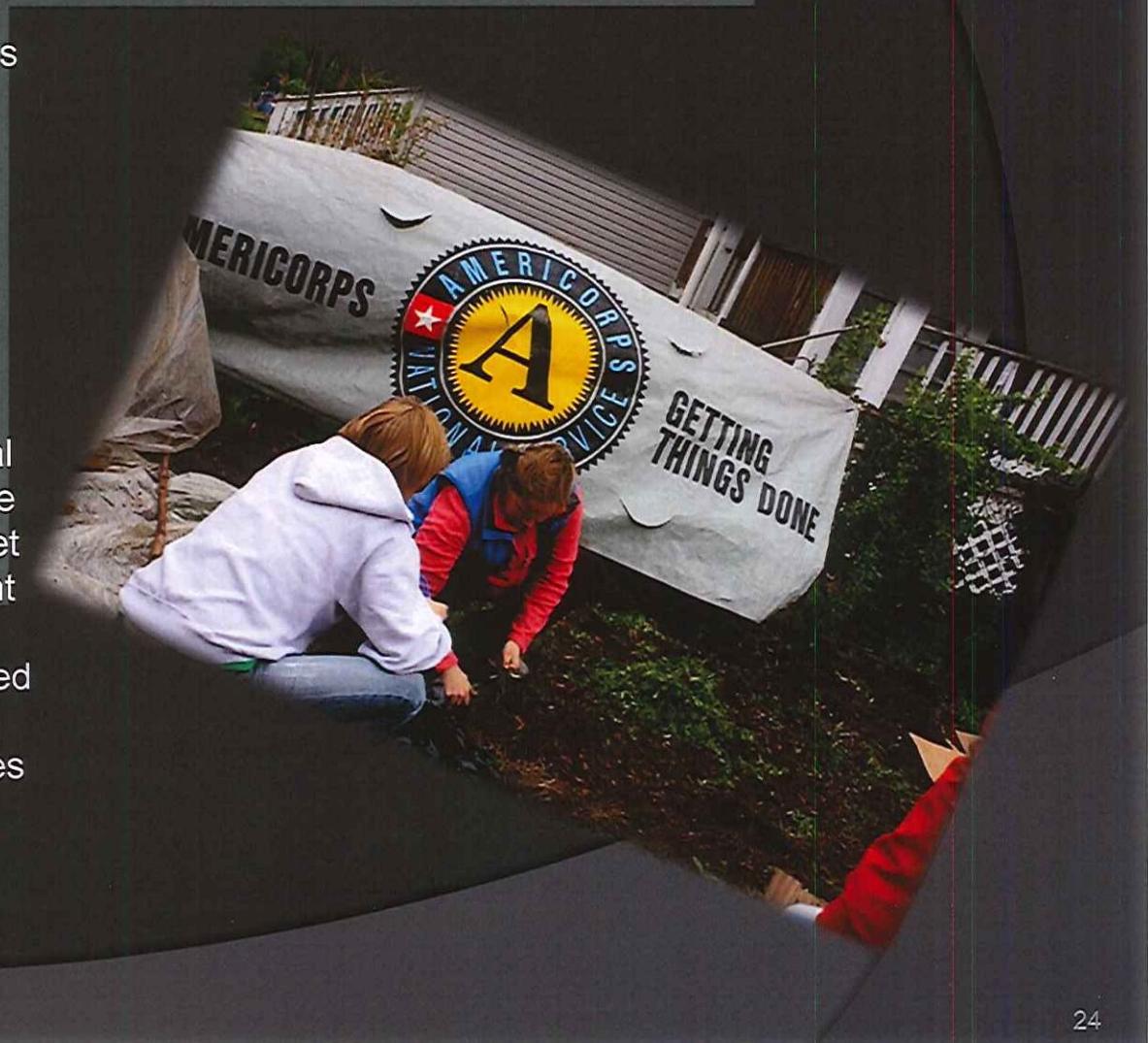


# International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis Client Services

The International Institute of St. Louis Client Services program utilize AmeriCorps Members to assist refugees in rebuilding their lives, integrating them into their new communities, and becoming self-sufficient as soon as possible.

Members are assigned to areas including: child services, benefits, employment, medical services, social work, economic development and the global farm. Members meet and greet families at the airport, and each client is served based on specific needs.

Needs may include, but are not limited to, assisting clients with completing applications, linking clients to services and programs, scheduling appointments, teaching life skills, home management, job preparation and farming/marketing classes.



# Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc./ Jumpstart Missouri

To combat the crisis in early education, Jumpstart joins together dedicated college students, called Corps Members, and pre-school children from low-income communities. During the course of a school year, Jumpstart „s AmeriCorps members utilize Jumpstart's high-quality early education programming to help young children develop the language, literacy and social skills essential for success in kindergarten and in life. Through this relationship, Jumpstart inspires children to learn, adults to teach, families to get involved, and communities to progress together. Jumpstart is working toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed.



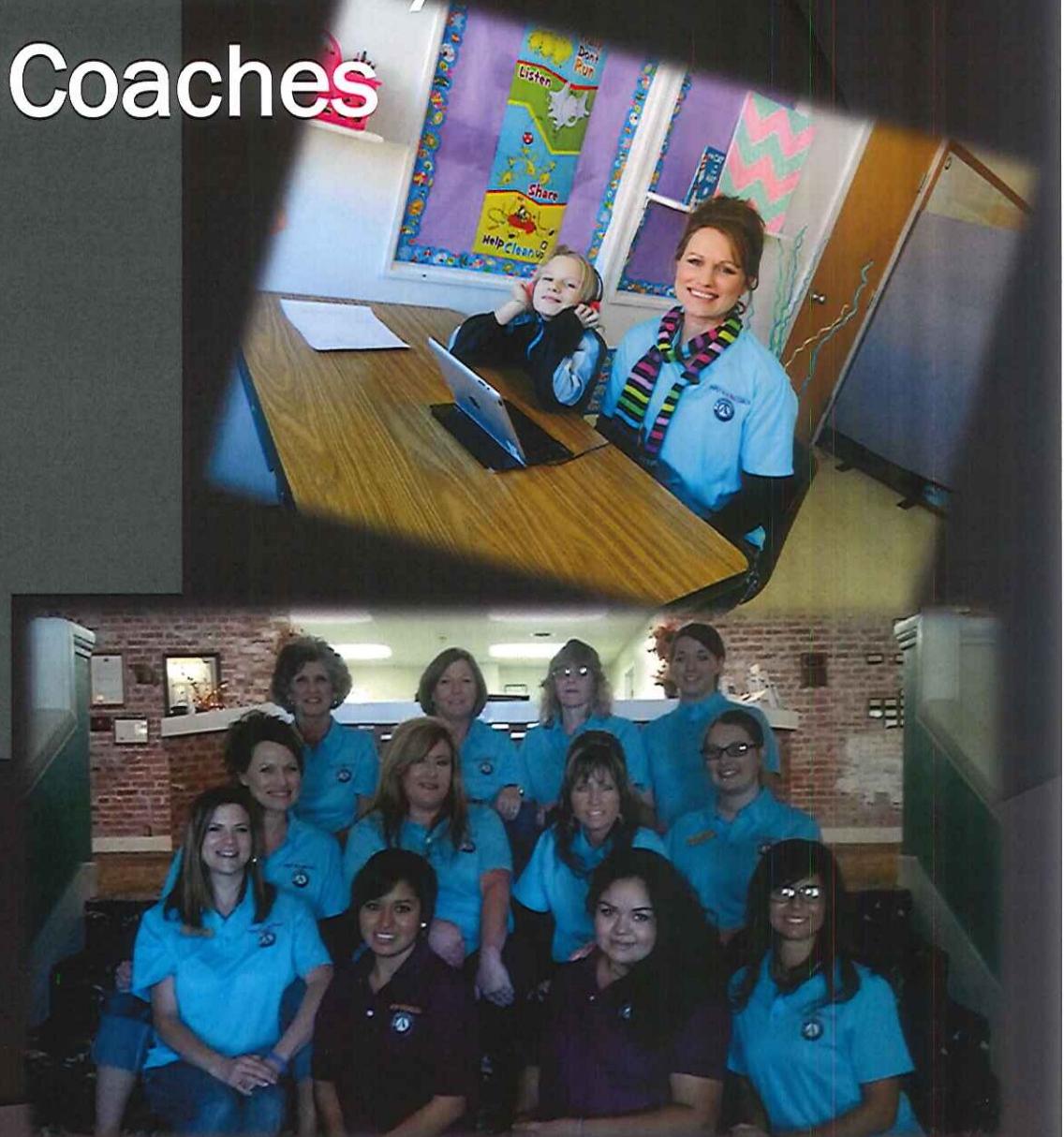
# Primaris/Community Leaders Assisting The Insured of Missouri (CLAIM) AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Members provide counseling for Medicare beneficiaries, their family members and caregivers. This counseling is related to Medicare benefits and the availability of financial assistance programs. Members also educate beneficiaries and others on Medicare matters, promote the CLAIM program and related services and recruit additional volunteers. This statewide AmeriCorps program expands the reach of the CLAIM program and improves access to services for seniors and disabled citizens of Missouri.



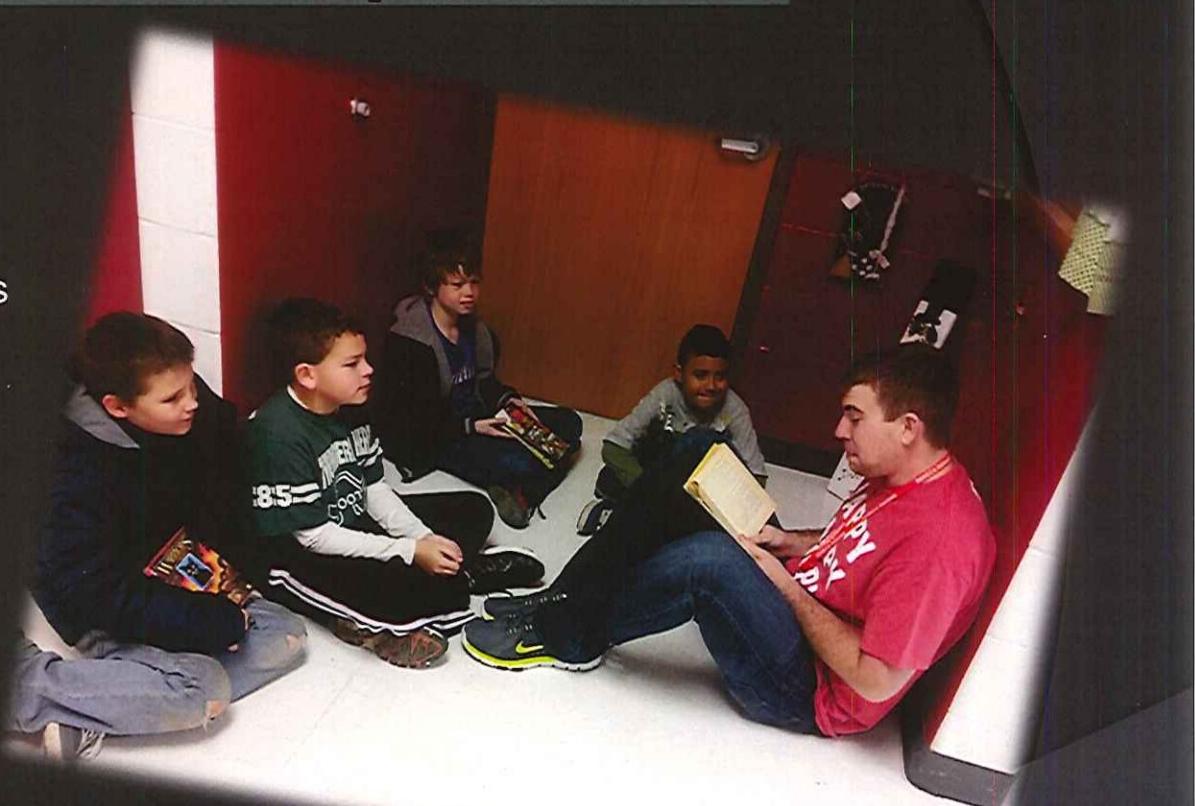
# Purdy R-II School District/ Purdy Reading Coaches

AmeriCorps Members provide literacy-based tutoring to Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. A varied approach is used which includes one-on-one tutoring as well as small group sessions. AmeriCorps Members form an integral part of the district-wide "Response To Intervention" program (RTI). The "Vision Intervention Program" (VIP) allows Members to address students who struggle with reading because of vision issues. Traditional one-on-one tutoring is provided for students reading below grade level while students who are already reading at or above grade level take part in small group enrichment activities.



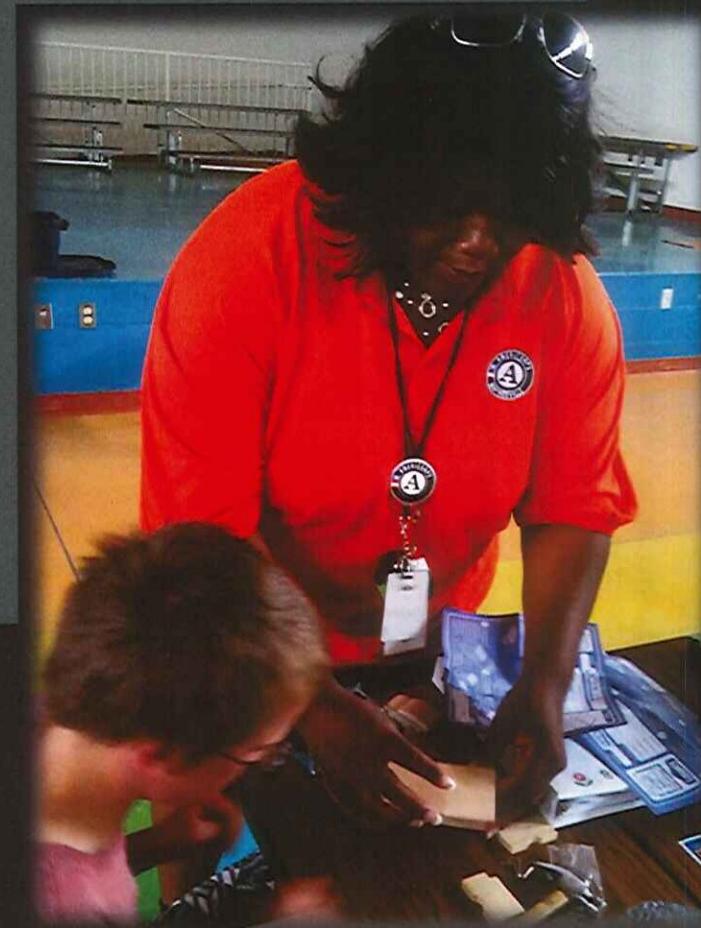
# Seneca R-7 School District/ Seneca R-7 AmeriCorps

Seneca AmeriCorps Members serve as reading coaches in the Elementary and Middle Schools. They also mentor at-risk students in the after-school program. Members serve on the local capacity building committee to increase the effectiveness of community services as well as recruit volunteers.



# Waynesville RVI School District/ AmeriCorps Waynesville

The AmeriCorps Waynesville project is designed to provide academic support to struggling kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at all district schools. The program is based on providing service to students who are at the greatest risk of school failure. The program provides tutoring intervention to students in communication arts, reading and math. Members also assist with the Club TIGER after-school program.



# Partnership For Youth Inc./ Safety Service Corps

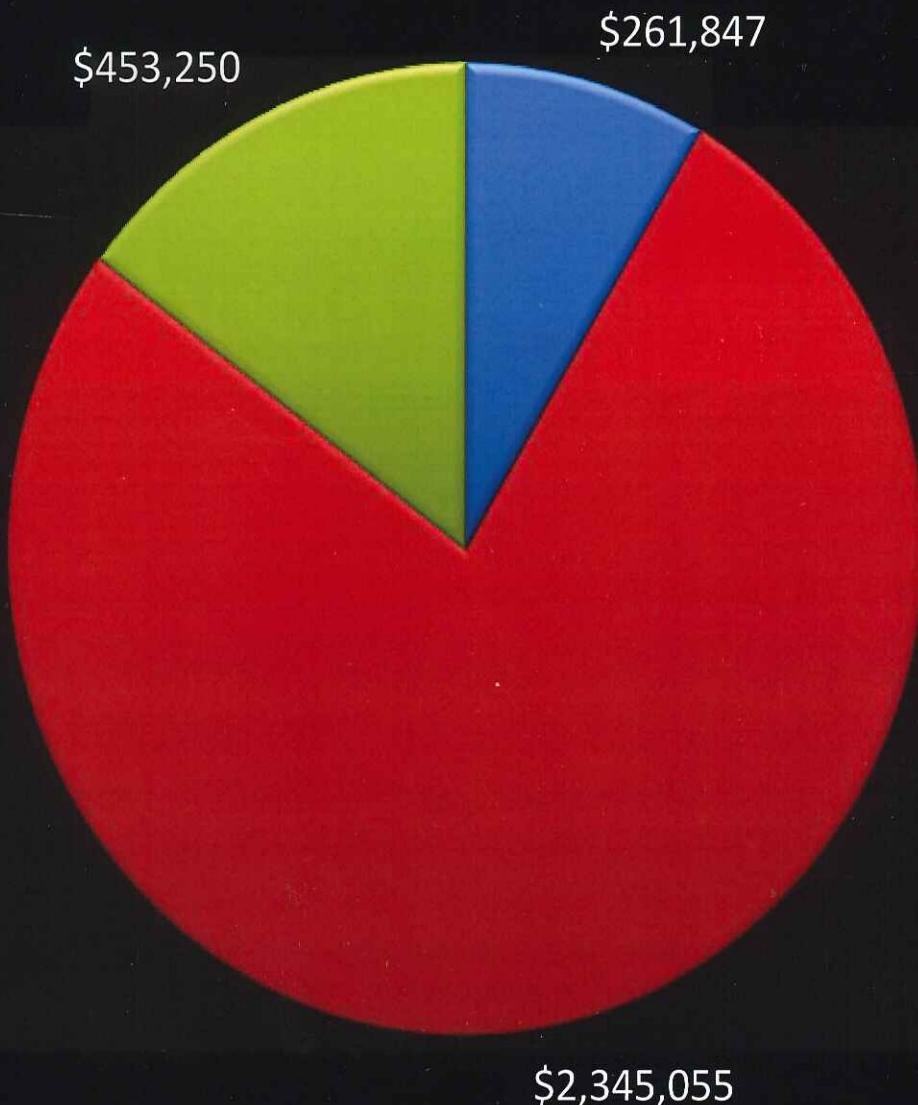
Thirty-five full-time AmeriCorps members serve in teams to prepare for and respond to disasters across Missouri and, by invitation, in other states. The Emergency Response Team (ERT) has deployed to disasters in more than fifty Missouri counties and thirty states. During non-disaster times, Members serve in conservation corps across Missouri and in Montana (during July and August). Historically, much more time has been spent in conservation service than in disaster service. The Safety Service Corps partners with the Missouri Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the United Way, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), SEMA (State Emergency Management Agency), the US Forest Service, state and local disaster agencies, and other State Commissions and Emergency Managers.



# Funding

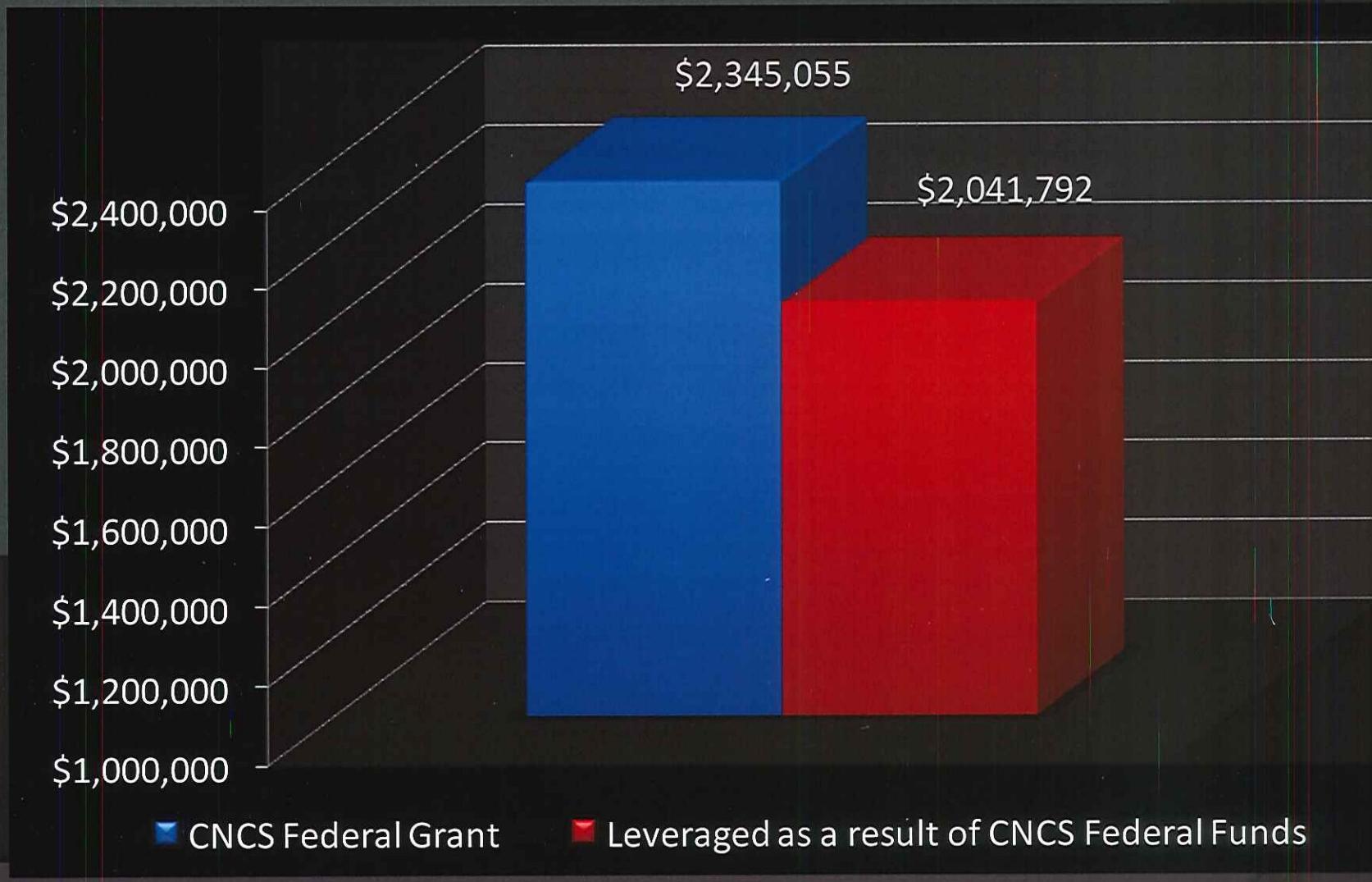
# Federal Funds From The Corporation for National and Community Service

- Administrative
- Formula
- Competitive Fixed Amount Grant



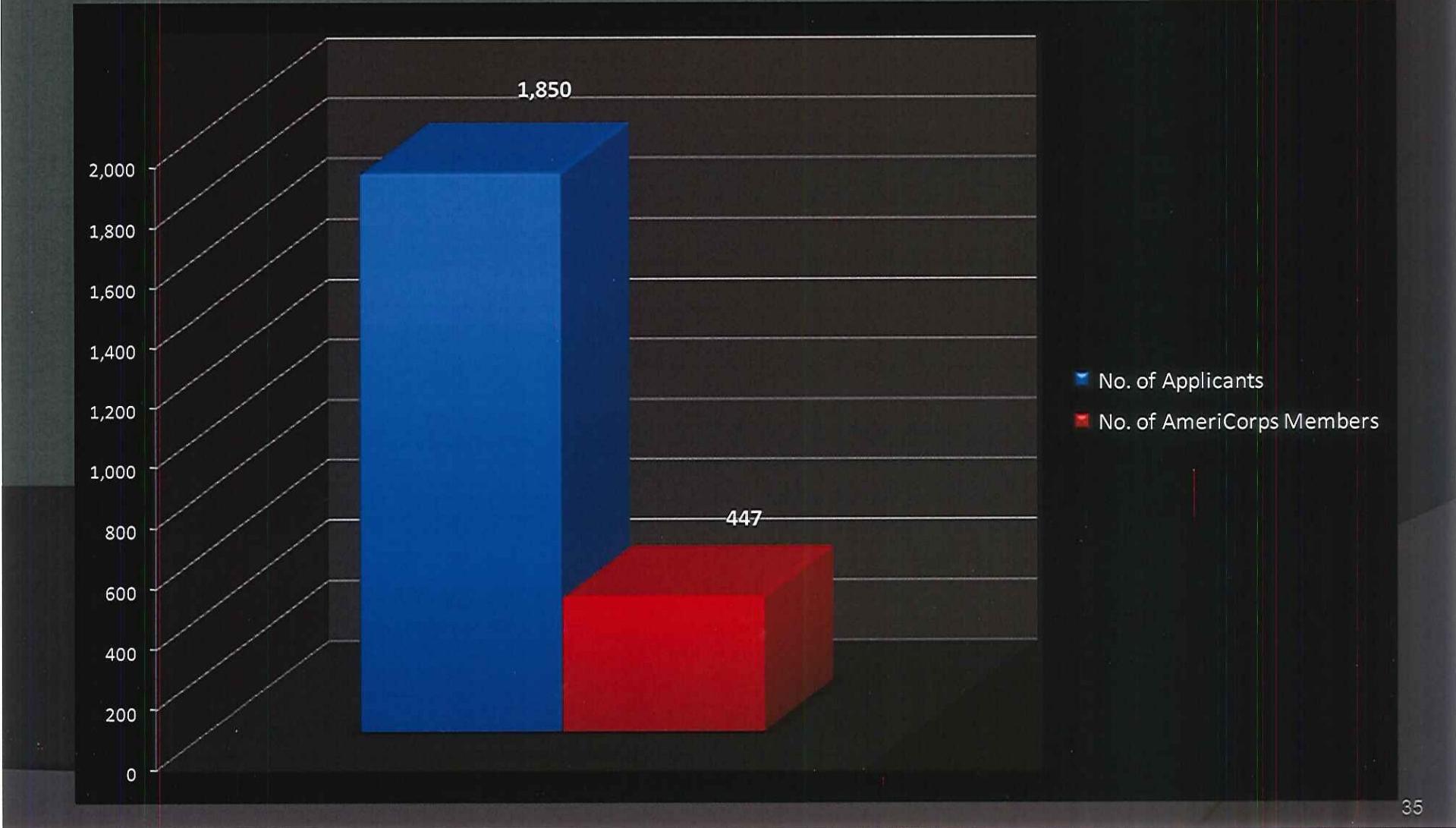
In addition to federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Commission receives approximately \$33,000 in State General Revenue annually.

# Leverage - Formula Dollars

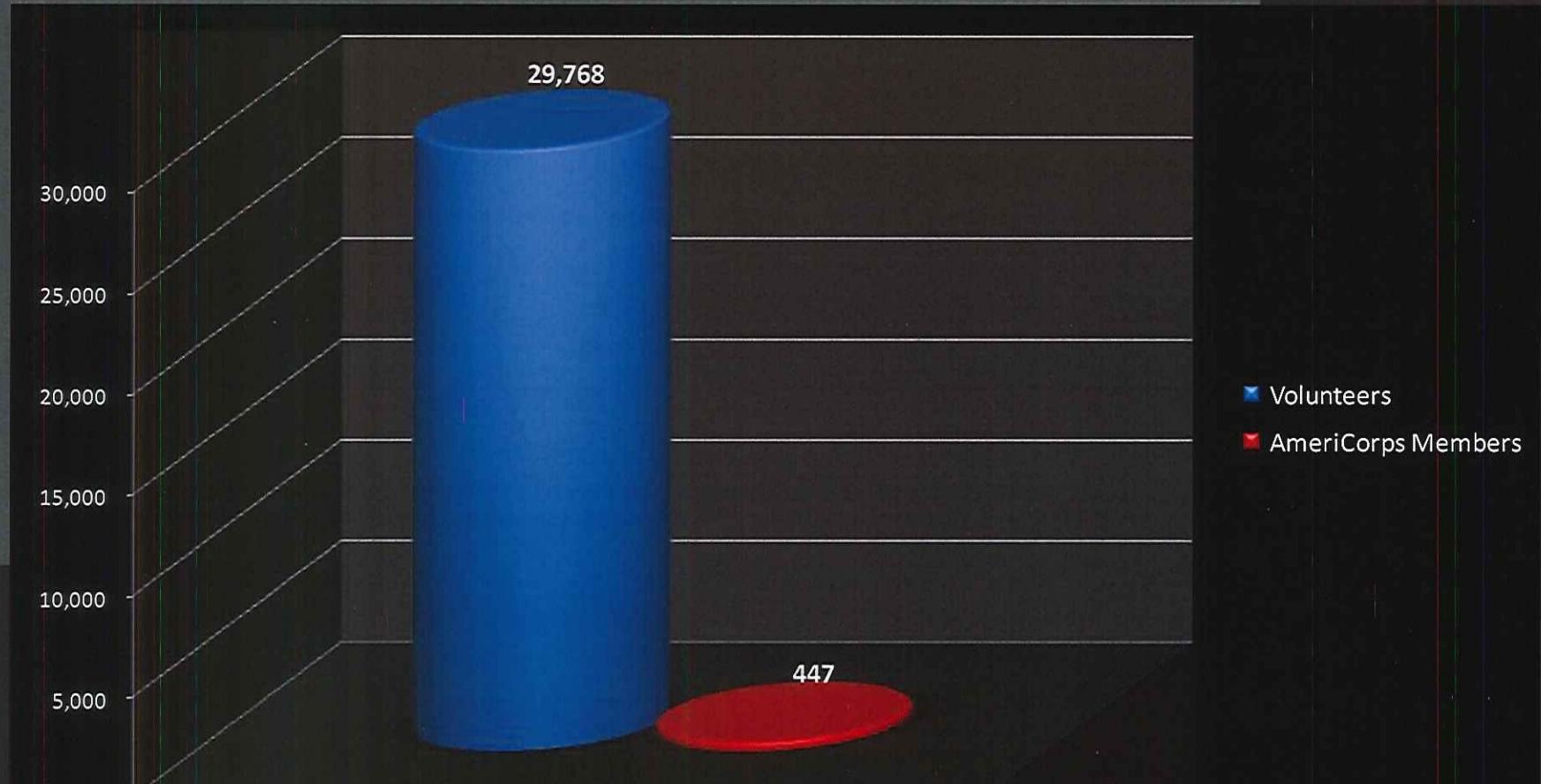


# Demographics

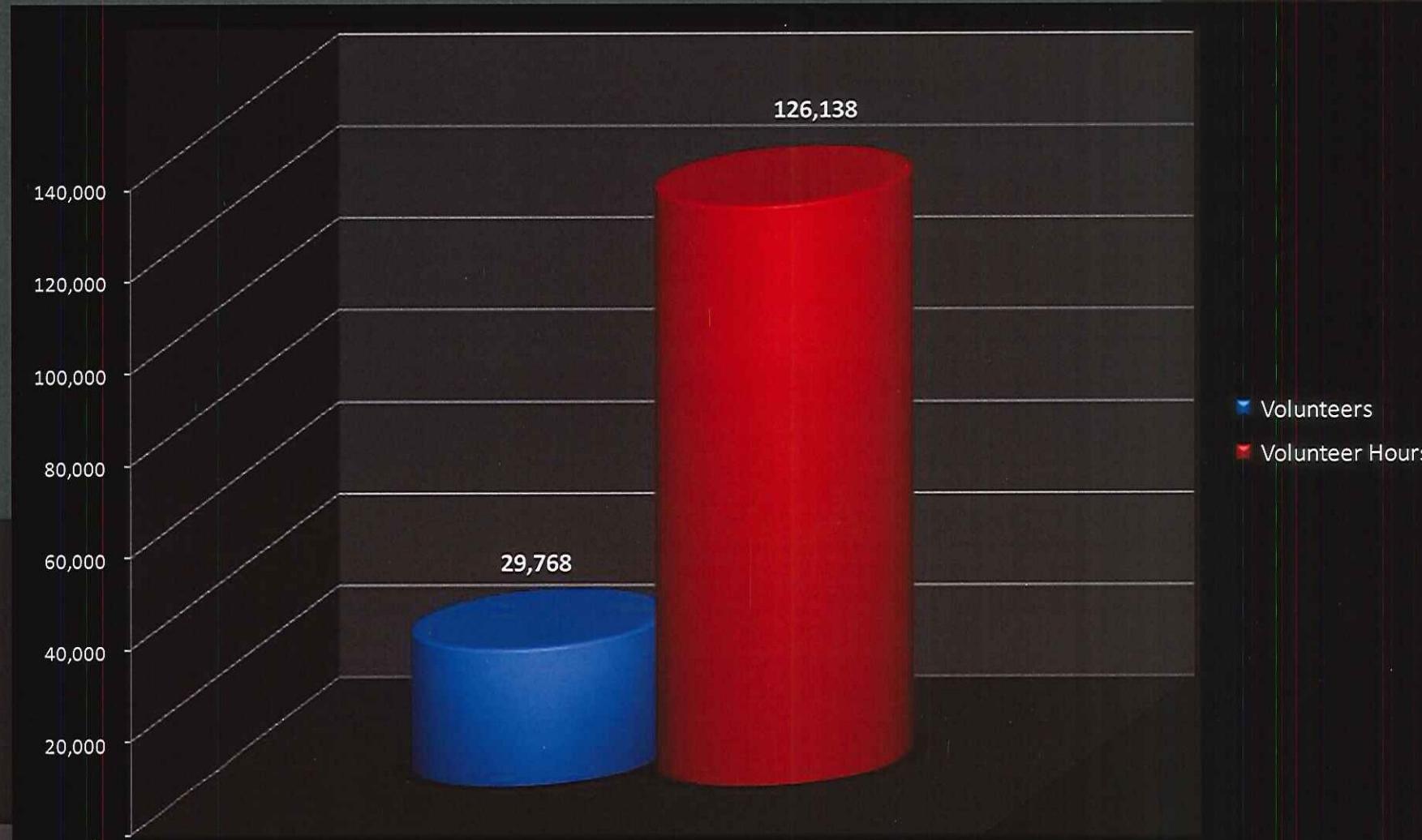
# Number of People Who Applied to Serve vs. Number of AmeriCorps Members Selected to Serve



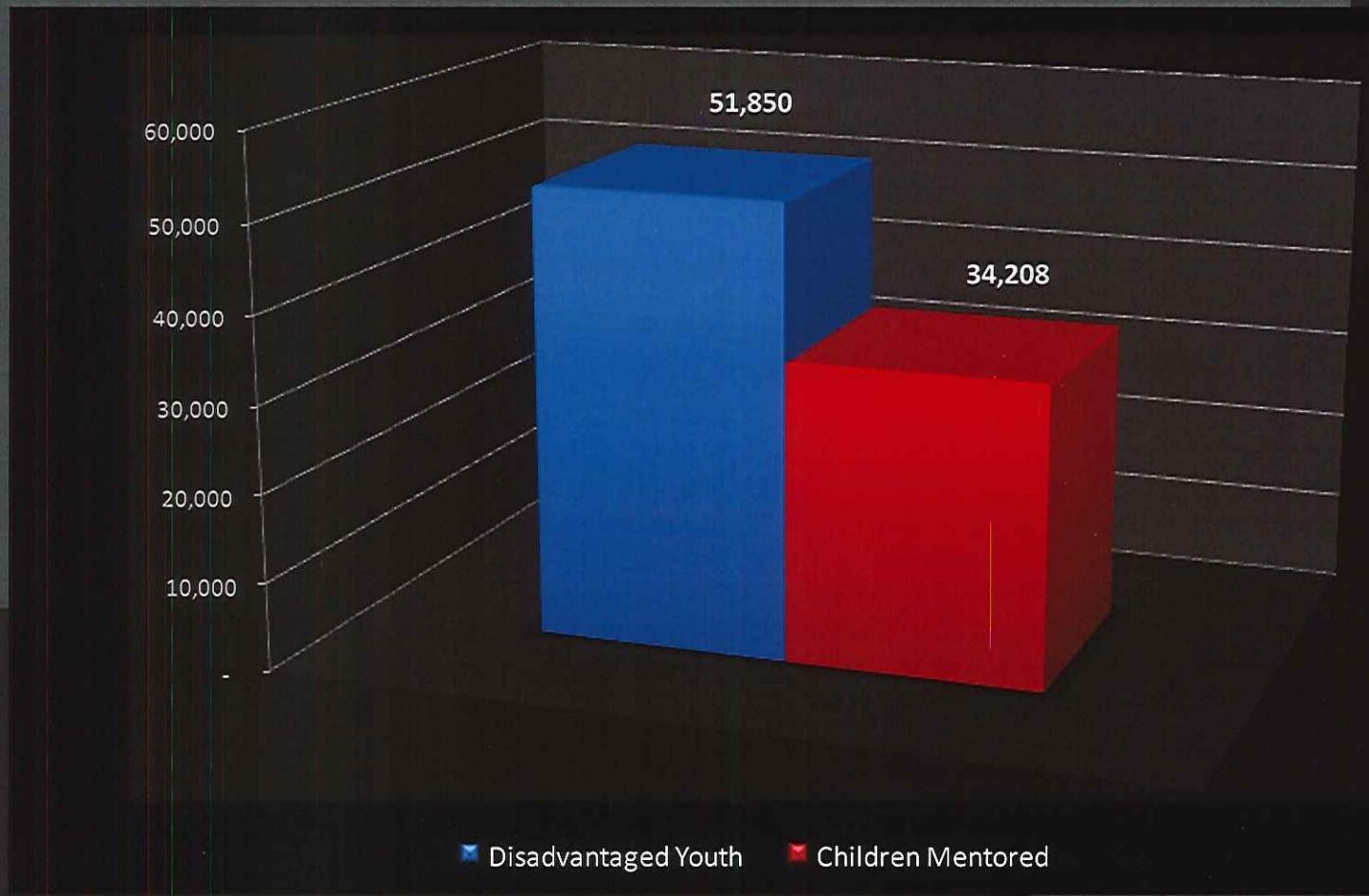
# Number of Volunteers Recruited by AmeriCorps Members



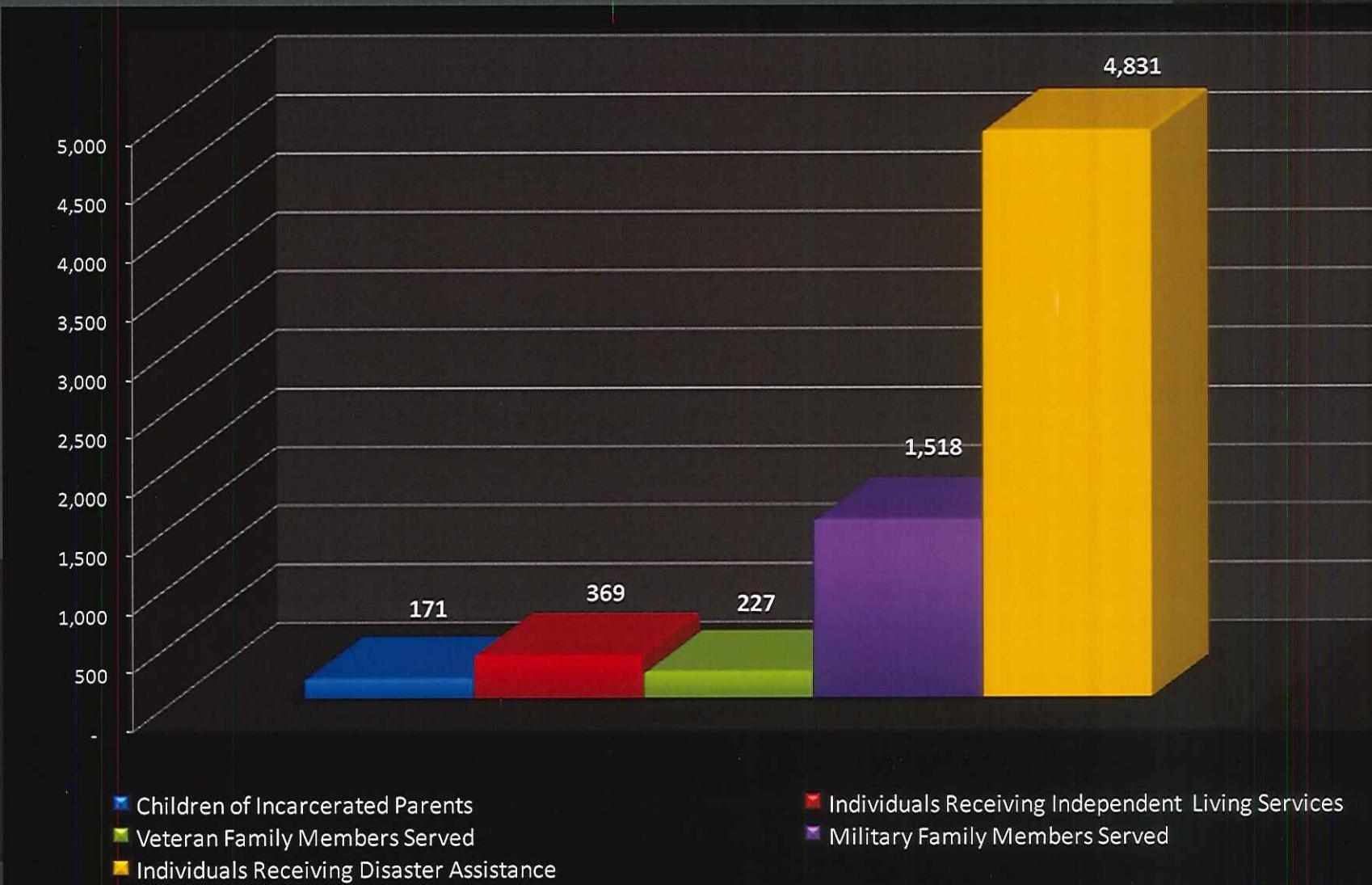
# Number of Volunteer Hours



# AmeriCorps Beneficiaries

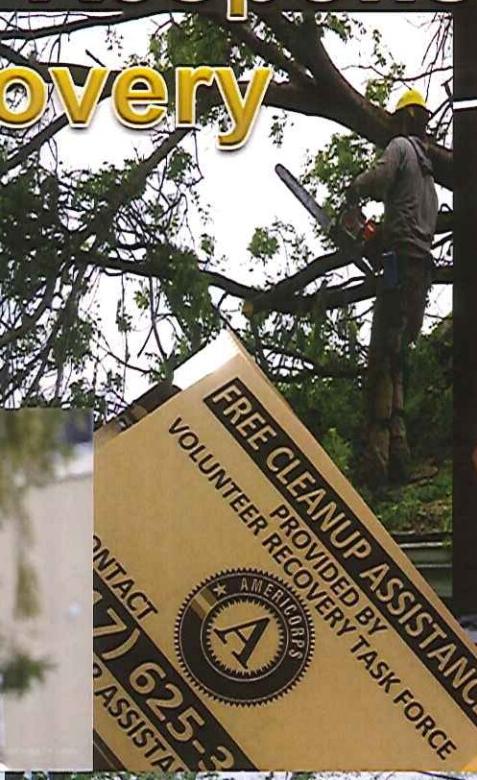
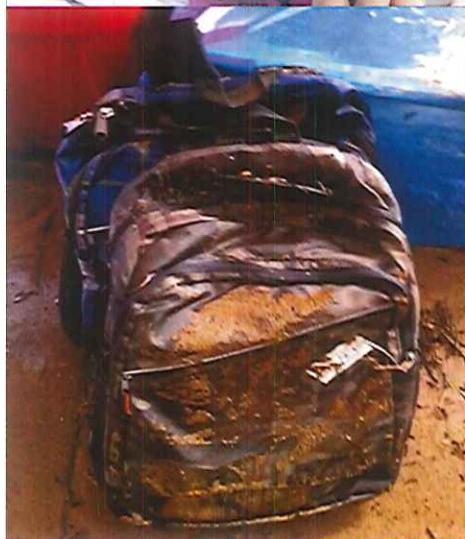
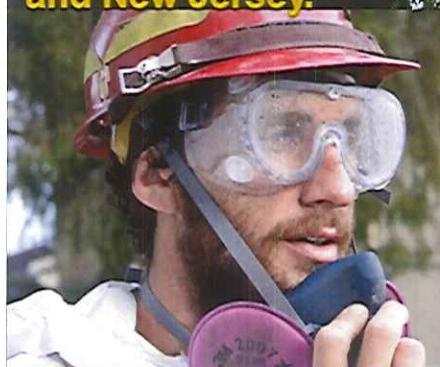


# AmeriCorps Beneficiaries (continued)



# Disaster Response and Recovery

98 AmeriCorps  
Members responded  
to 97 disasters in  
2012-2013 including  
New York, Oklahoma  
and New Jersey.

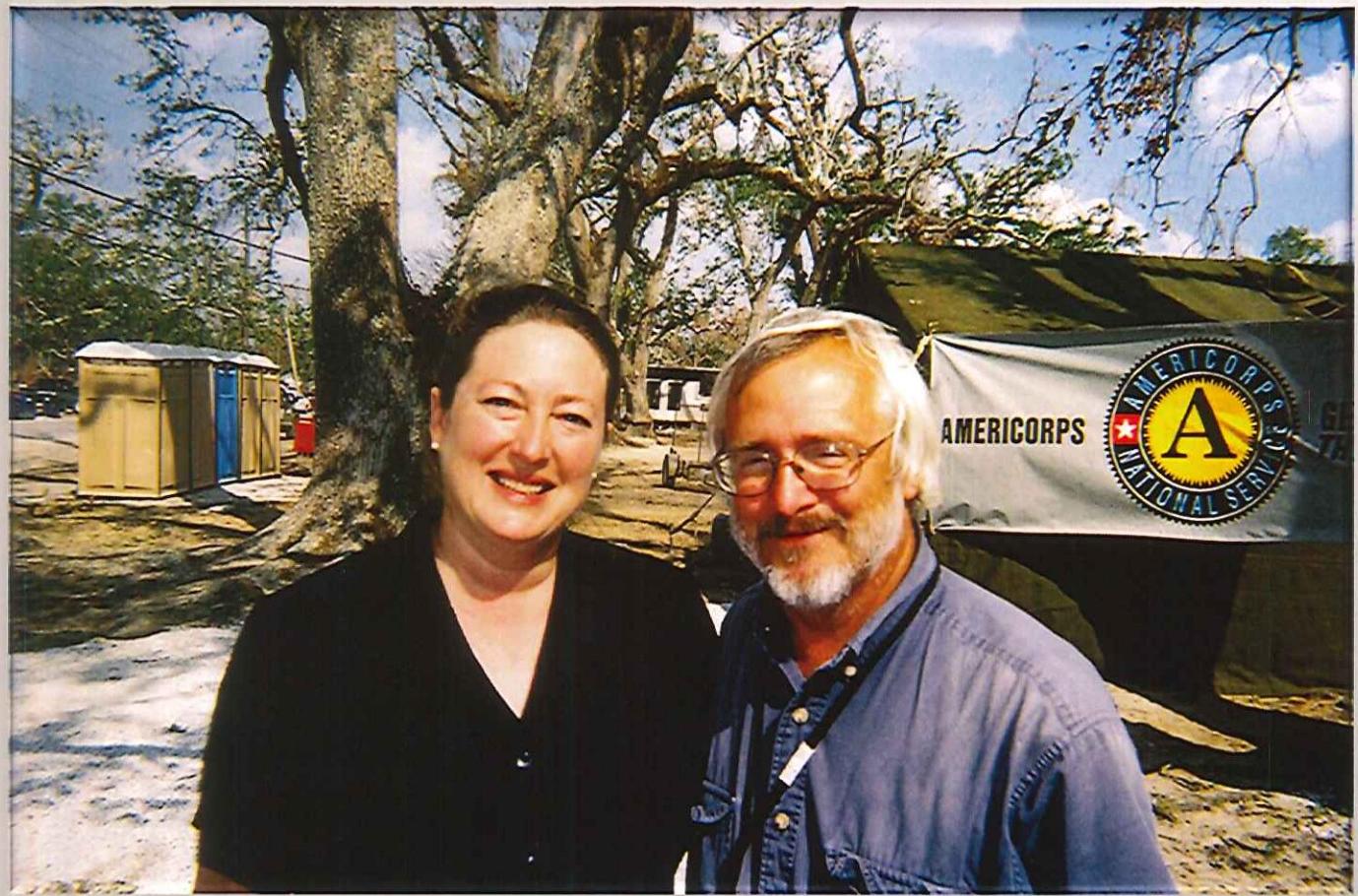


# Waynesville, Missouri



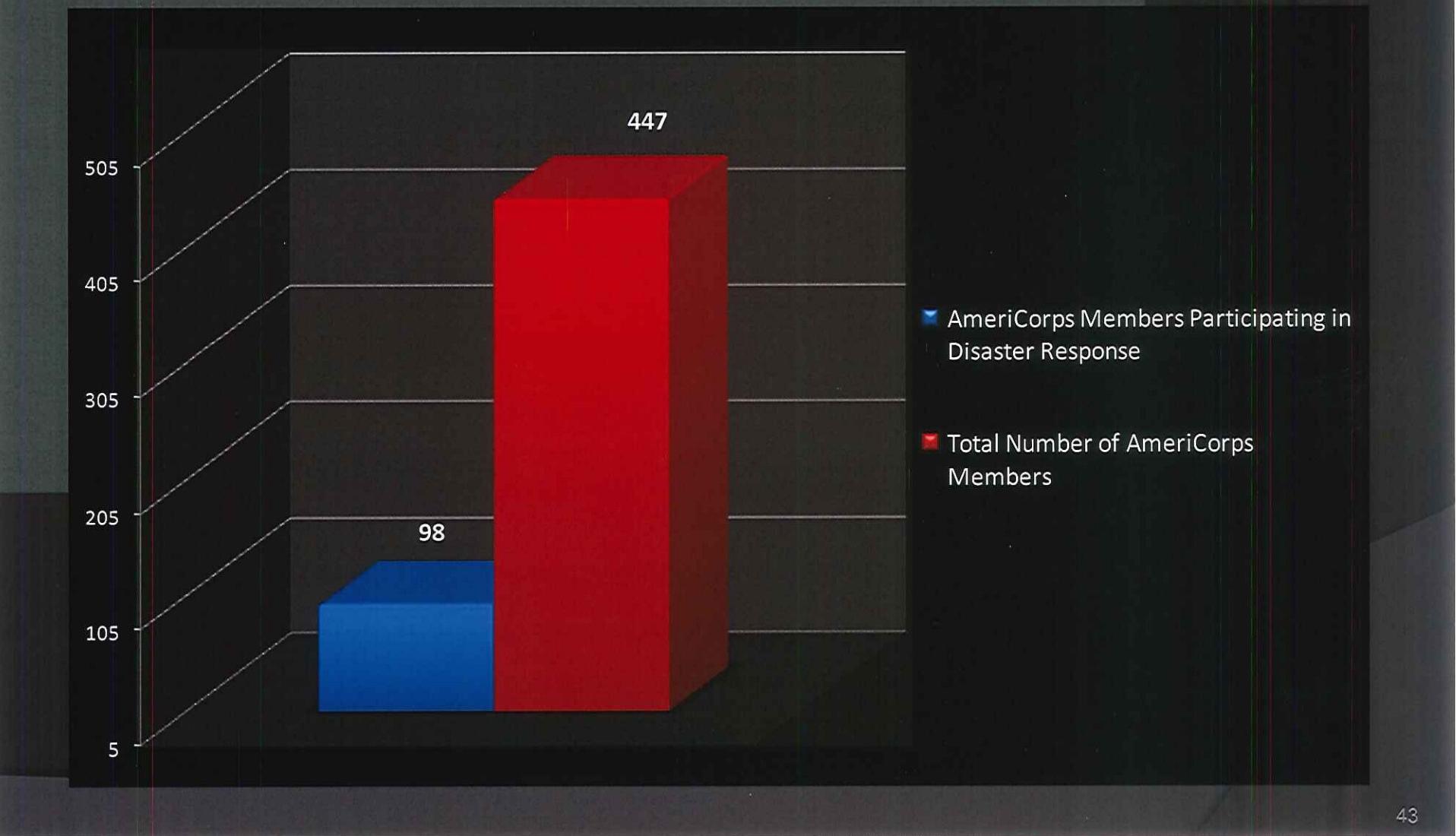
In August 2013, Governor Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency in Waynesville, MO. The flash floods forced evacuation and delayed schools from opening on time. AmeriCorps Members along with VISTA, SEMA, FEMA, COADs, VOADs and others rushed to the aid of the Waynesville community. The Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Community Service Commission (commissioners and staff) held a back-to-school drive to aid the community in recovery efforts. In this photo, AmeriCorps Members are sandbagging to mitigate further damage.

# AmeriCorps Responds to Disasters Throughout the United States



In this photo, Marsha Meeks Kelly, past executive director of the Mississippi Commission and currently with the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, DC, takes time out at the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Center in Pass Christian, Mississippi to pose with Bruce Bailey, President of AmeriCorps St. Louis Safety Service Corps.

# Disaster Preparedness, Response and Relief



# Events, Service Projects & Partnerships

# Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service



Business and Community Services

## **Help Us Keep Them Warm**

**Thank you to all who  
participated in the**

**2012/2013 Annual Coat &  
Food Drive**

**Thanks to your generosity, we were able  
to collect:**



This project is a partnership between the  
Missouri Department of Economic Development's Business &  
Community Services Division, the  
Missouri Community Service Commission and the Jefferson City  
Samaritan Center

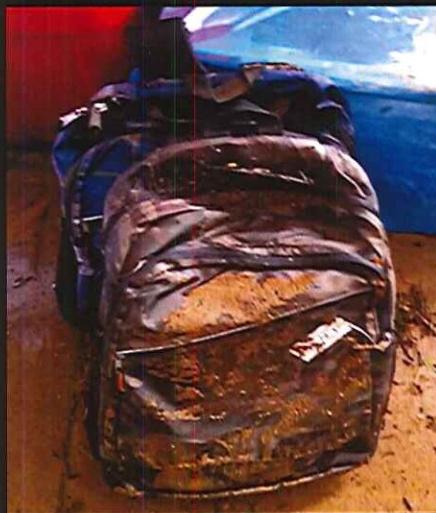


# Harvesters Food Bank 2013 MLK Day Event



Food Bank Volunteer

# Waynesville Flood Recovery Back-to-School Service Project



AmeriCorps State and VISTA Members worked tirelessly to collect back-to-school items for the students of the Waynesville School District for the 2013 school year. About two weeks before school started, the supplies they collected were ruined by the August 2013 flood. In the spirit of service, the Missouri Community Service Commission along with the Missouri Department of Economic Development organized a “Back-To-School” drive. \$780 of school supplies were purchased and, in addition, a cash donation of \$621 was provided to purchase other essential school items.



“We appreciate the support of the Missouri Community Service Commission and the Department of Economic Development during what has been a difficult time in our community,” said Dr. Kim Hawk, Program Director of the Waynesville AmeriCorps Program. “I am encouraged by the spirit of service that is evident in their generous donations, which will fulfill an immediate need for many students and their families in the Waynesville R-VI School District.”

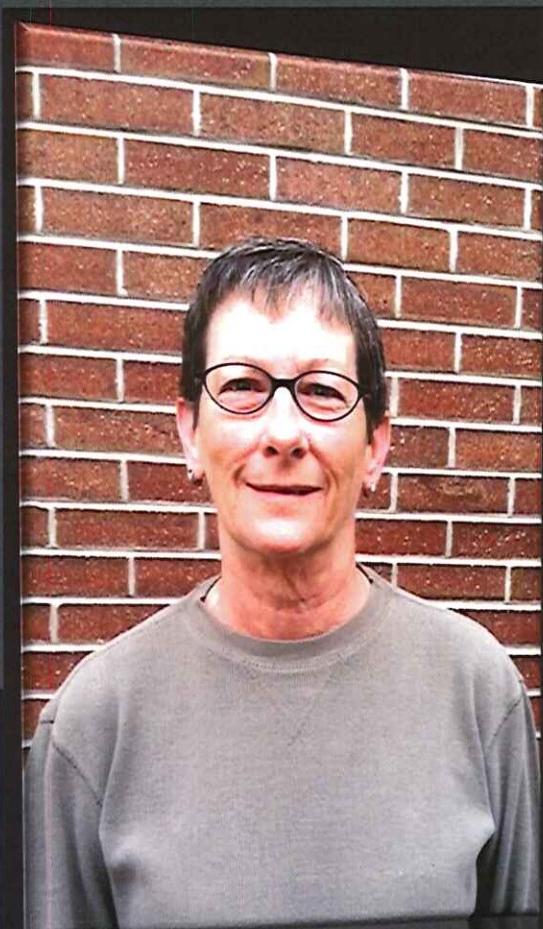


A national service mantra reads: “In America, our greatest resource has always been each other.” We applaud DED Staff and the MCSC Commissioners for embodying this statement and taking part in giving back to the children and community of Waynesville.

# Annual Celebration of Service and Volunteerism

# MAUREEN COSTELLO

## Show-Me Service Award



Caring for people- that is what Maureen Costello (aka "MO") does well. Not only does she run the St. Louis Homeless Winter Outreach program but she also runs a restaurant and takes care of her elderly mother.

The need for socks, blankets, sleeping bags, hats, and gloves are increasing. To date, 495 people have joined the shelter's Yahoo group that alerts people to various needs. Winter Outreach not only provides shelter to the homeless during the frigid winter temperatures but Maureen and more than 50 volunteers drive around the city looking for the homeless to provide them blankets, coats, or transportation for those willing to go to the shelters. Maureen also ensures that each volunteer team is equipped with food items. Maureen's tireless service mimics the following quote-

*"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." — [Mother Teresa](#)*

# RUTH LONG

## AmeriCorps Senior Corps Service Award



Her background as a social studies teacher to educate students about the make-up of a society and how to promote civic involvement made it easy for Ruth Long to advocate for those impoverished in her community. Her knowledge in public services has helped other agencies work together.

Over the years, she has been instrumental in the “Snack in The Pack” weekend feeding program, Genesis shelter for women and children, and has helped with the annual “Backpack Fair” which provides school supplies to children in need.

She has impacted her community greatly with her “never give up” mentality.

# HARVESTERS AMERICORPS (Kansas City)

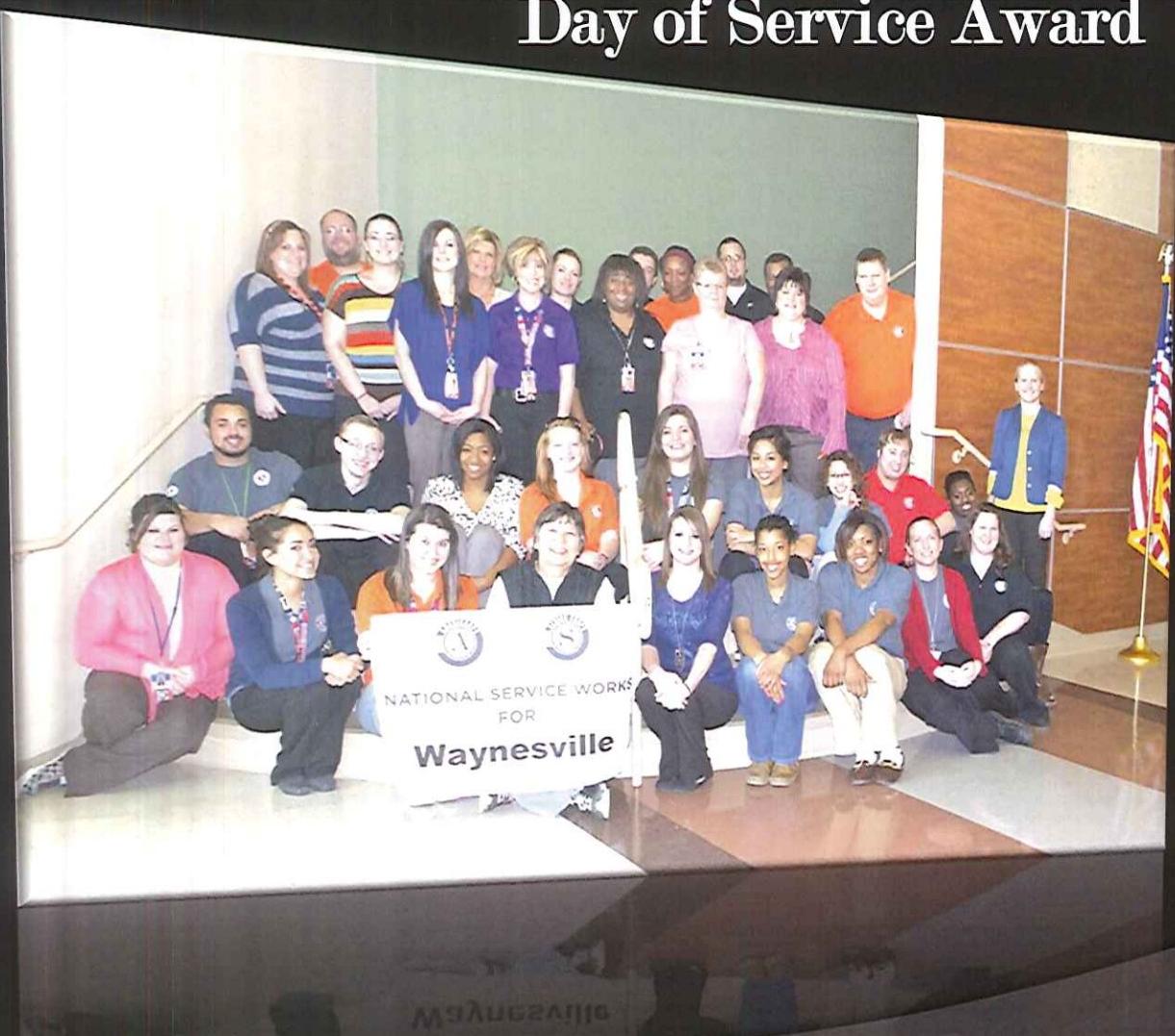
## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Award



The objective of Harvesters' MLK Day of Service project is two-fold: help feed the hungry and increase the community's awareness of hunger issues. Over the past 4 years, Harvesters' "Make it a Day On, Not a Day Off" project has encouraged volunteers, groups, and families to bring in non-perishable food items. This year, the members facilitated an interactive service learning activity exploring the stereotypes around people who are hungry or receive assistance. Volunteers made it possible for Harvesters to deliver 19,000 backpacks of food (over the past 4 years) to feed elementary school kids on the weekend.

# WAYNESVILLE R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Award



Through a collaborative effort to launch a district-wide recycling program, the Waynesville R-VI School District made a lasting impact on their community. Elementary students participated by reading to pre-school children about the importance of a clean environment. Seventh and eighth graders completed mini-service projects for local organizations which included creating dog beds from old sweaters- donated to local animal shelters and made cooling neckbands to send to soldiers overseas. Sixth graders volunteered at animal shelters, a food pantry, and senior centers. This school district believes these experiences help to educate students in a way not possible with a textbook alone.

# PAVE AMERICORPS

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Day of Service Award



“Family Fitness Day” proved to be a fun way for the community to interact and learn about the importance of eating healthy, exercising, and staying fit. Obesity and the lack of physical fitness has increasingly become an issue. PAVE AmeriCorps figured out that solving this problem together would create a chain reaction to help motivate one another. The event was held at the Upper Elementary School gym in Eldon where booths included interactive exercises, games, informational materials, health examinations, and demonstrations. There were 280 students, 51 parents, 15 vendors/presenters, and 27 PAVE AmeriCorps VISTA members who participated. The event was free to the public and all vendors donated their time, handouts, and samples for the participants.

# PURINA PET FOODS (Kasey Bergh) Partners in Service Award



Purina has proven to be an activist in the St. Louis community for over 50 years. It was back then that they established the Near Southside Coalition in the neighborhoods surrounding their headquarters. It is still in existence today! The coalition is comprised of social service organizations led by Purina employees. When AmeriCorps St. Louis needed extra cots for their shelter, Purina provided them. Each year, they choose two social service agencies (including animal shelters) where volunteers do an „extreme make-over” to the building; donating labor, time, and supplies.

Purina chooses businesses every year for “Purina Pet Day”. On this day, all 1,000 employees go out into the community to volunteer, responding to the needs.

# **FAULTLESS HEALTHCARE LINEN**

## **Partners in Service Award**



Faultless Healthcare Linen was featured on Fox News as one of the most socially conscious businesses in St. Louis. Why is that? It is because without hesitation, they agreed to launder sheets and blankets for a new homeless shelter weekly- for free! This shelter was located in the community where the plant was located. The following year, the shelter doubled in size. Faultless Healthcare Linen continued to launder thousands of pounds of laundry. Unfortunately, the plant closed in 2012 and the entire commercial laundry division moved six blocks away. But this company continues its commitment to the shelter; laundering two times per week and has laundered over 1,500 pounds of laundry this year alone, and asking employees to stay late to do so. A prime example of community service.

# FT. LEONARD WOOD MILITARY INSTALLATION

## Partners in Service Award



Approximately 7,050 hours were served by service members from the Ft. Leonard Wood Military Base. Its partnership with the school district has become very beneficial to address high transition rates of students that lead to struggles in areas of education and socialization. The Adventure Leadership Camp is a way to combat those struggles. Over 200 students went through actual military obstacle courses on post. They learned land navigation skills which helped students develop vital leadership and communication skills. In addition, military members provided one-on-one support through food pantries, clothing closets and they tutored students in reading two days per week.

Each year, eight high school students receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the college or university of their choice. These awards are offered to freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors of all high schools in the state of Missouri.

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